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REF: (A) 75 TORONTO A-71; (B) WINNIPEG 11; (C) WINNIPEG 18

1. POTASH PRODUCERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WANSBROUGH NOT SURPRISED WITH DECISION OF CENTRAL CANADA POTASH ANNOUNCED MORNING PAPERS JANUARY 20 TO TAKE CASE AGAINST GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN ON PRORATIONING OF POTASH TO SUPREME COURT OF CANADA FOLLOWING PLAINTIFF'S LOSS BEFORE SASKATCHEWAN COURT OF APPEAL.

2. COMMENT: ASSOCIATION VIEWPOINT HAS LONG BEEN THAT AFFILIATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH CENTRAL CANDAD POTASH WILL HAVE MOST SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS BEFORE SUPREME COURT. THUS, DECISION TO PROCEED AFTER DEFEAT AT APPELLATE LEVEL IS NOT SURPRISING.

3. CONGEN CURIOUS IF PREMIER BLAKENEY'S STATEMENT (REF C PARAGRPAH 4) REGARDING REPAYMENT OF FEES TO COMPANIES SHOULD SUPREME COURT RULE AGAINST GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN
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IS BASED ON REAL FACTS. WHILE NOT CERTAIN, WE BELIEVE SITUATION DESCRIBED REF A REGARDING ABILITY OF PROVINCE TO REFUSE MAKE REFUNDS IF LAW OVERTURNED IS STILL APPLICABLE.
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